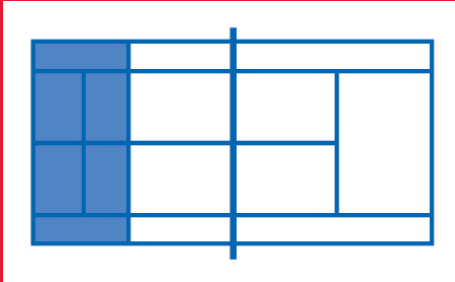
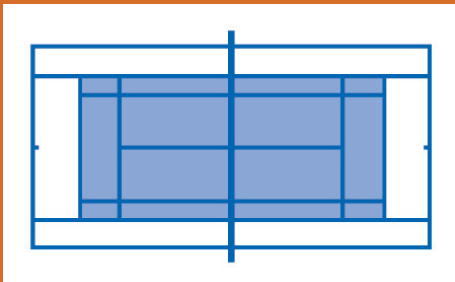
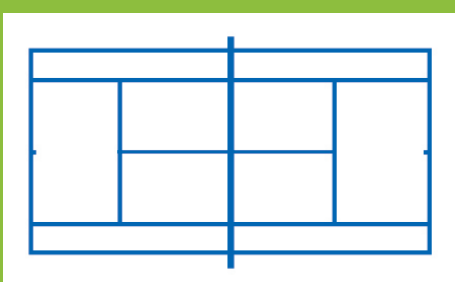
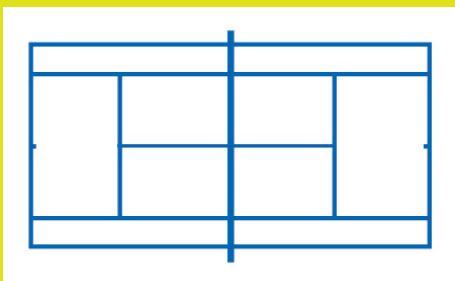


USTA-SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT RULES FOR 2012

STAGE	AGE	BALL	COURT	NET HEIGHT	RACQUET (Depending on the size of the player)	SCORING	DESCRIPTION
RED	5 - 8 years	 Red felt or foam Reduced bounce for ages 5 - 8	 36' x 18'	2'9"	Up to 23"	2 out of 3, 7-point tiebreaks (official USTA rule for 8 and Under competition)	- Slower play on smaller court - Shorter racquets enable earlier rally/play - Individual/team games and activities are played - Development of technique and simple tactics - Required specifications for all USTA-sanctioned 8 and Under tournament play*
ORANGE	9 - 10 years	 Orange Reduced bounce for ages 9 - 10	 60' x 21' singles, 60' x 27' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	23" – 25"	2 out of 3, 4-game sets using no-ad scoring; 3rd set is a 7-point tiebreak	- Play is faster vs. Red stage - Lower bounce appropriate for child's size - Implementation of advanced techniques and tactics - Longer matches for individual/team events - Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play**
GREEN	9 - 12 years	 Green Slightly reduced bounce from standard tennis ball	 78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" – 27"	Modified scoring formats for shorter matches are recommended	- Play is faster vs. Orange stage - Continued development of technique, movement and advanced tactics - Individual/team events are played - Approved for USTA-sanctioned 10 and Under tournament play**
YELLOW	11 years and over	 Yellow Standard tennis ball	 78' x 27' singles, 78' x 36' doubles	3' center, 3'6" at net posts	25" – 29"	Any scoring system within the Rules of Tennis	After progression of Red, Orange and Green stages

* Red - Official rule in 2011 ** Orange and Green - Official rule effective 2012

